KITCHEN PRINCESS

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My prince left me a silver spoon and disappeared.
I will find him and make him the most delicious dessert in the world.
That is my dream.


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Recipe 1
Najika and Flan

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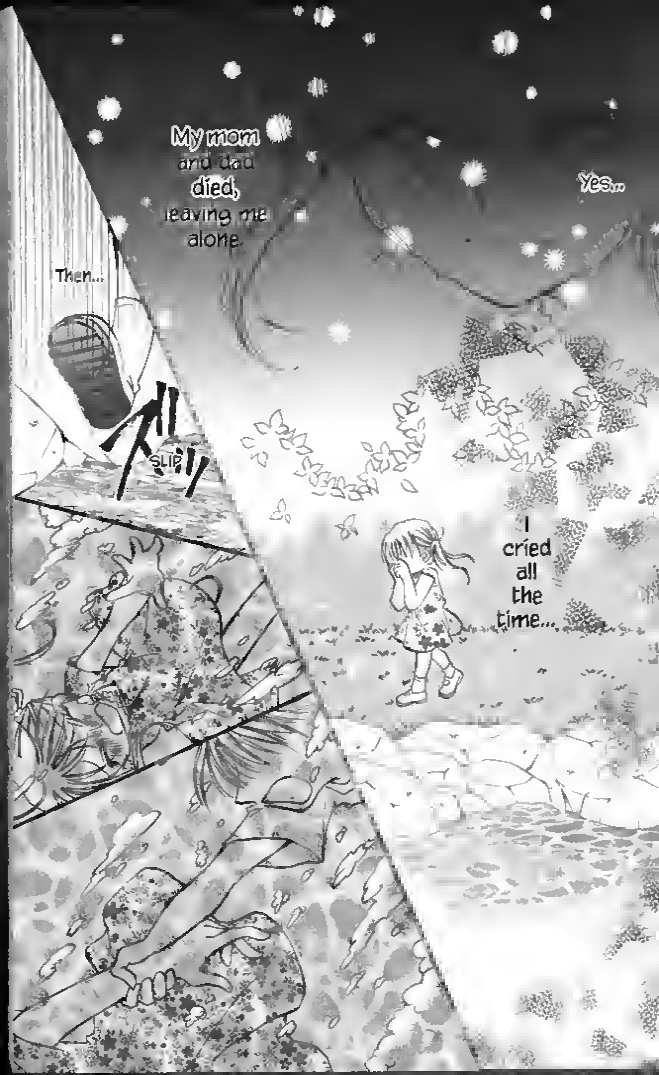



This is Santoroure's.
The cream gives this one a rich flavor.
This is from Kishimoto-tei.
Slightly bitter caramel sauce
Oh
This is easy.
Homemade flan by our Hagio-sensei


You got all ten right!
Wow, Najika onee-chan!!
This is too easy.
Hehehehehehehehehe
Plates
Well, she does have a stomach the size of a cow.
NOOGIE
What did you say?
NOOGIE
Assagiri
NOOGIE
Here, orphans who have no parents...
...live together like family.
We are here at "Lavender House" in Hokkaido.


But today I'm saying good-bye.
Good-bye and Good luck
Najika Kazami
There are no fast food places or arcades.
But there is beautiful lavender blooming all around, and I love it.
I don't want you to go, Najika onee-chan!
Why are you going to a school in Tokyo?
I don't want you to go either.
WAAAH!
Every-one...
My, my


Najika is going to go fulfill her dream.
We need to wish her good luck.
Hagio-sensei!
You're going to be a pastry chef like your parents, right?
You never spoke and you never ate. I was so worried.
It seems like it was only yesterday when you came here.
Take this picture, too.
Okay


My mom and dad died, leaving me alone.
Yes...
Then...
SLIP
I cried all the time...


Are you okay?
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
I was so sad and lonely
...because I was left here alone.
Why?
Huh?
Why did you save me?
I could've gone to heaven where Mommy and Daddy are.


...to make me stop crying.
And then...
...he gave me something
Flan?


When you eat something good, you smile.
That's why Mommy and Daddy didn't take you.
It's delicious.
They wanted you to keep smiling.
The boy...


...made a rainbow...
Yeah.
...in my dark life.
Then next time, I'll...
Wasn't this your snack?
But...
it's okay, you can have it.
I need to go.


...make you the most delicious dessert in the whole world!
...like I can't forget the taste of the flan.
I can't forget him...
How sweet. ♥
He's the Flan Prince!
And you learned how to cook for him
I hope you find the owner of the spoon.
That's why you chose Seika Academy, right?


You can come back anytime.
This is your home, after all.
Sensei...
Yeah..
Four months ago, I found out that the Academy had the same emblem as the spoon.
So I studied hard to get in.
Thank you, sensei.
I am so fortunate
to have such a wonderful home here...


I'm off!
I wonder what kind of academy it is...
I'm glad
My old clothes fit perfectly.
What's with that outfit?
Good luck!
Seika Academy...
But Najika's quite amazing.
She got in to Seika Academy with the director's recommendation.


A rainbow!
I have a feeling something good will happen.
A new place
New people
Crepes


WOW!


Girls' Dormitory
Seika Academy
ピッ
SHINE
A mammoth academy of over 5,000 students that goes from elementary school to high school
Najika Kazami-san.
This is your room.
AGAPE
Please place your luggage here.
I'd heard about it before, but...
WOW


SIT UP
Oh, yes sir!
Your classes start tomorrow.
Please don't leave this room until the director gives permission.
WOW!
This is my first-ever room of my own!
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
Whoo!
The view is great, too!
Don't leave.
ITCHY FEET
I'll just leave for a little bit.
STEP
The Flan Prince...
...might be here.


HIT
Ow
Whoa.
Huh?
TURN
No
Don't look.
SLIDE


...ow...
Paahh!
SLIIIIIIDE

Hello



This is Ando. I've been sleeping at night and waking up in the morning, and living like a normal human being. Now, "Kitchen Princess" was something I wanted to do. I always wanted to do something related to cooking. I am trying my best to show the deliciousness of the food, so please wish me luck!! I was dieting until this series started, but I felt that I should be eating delicious food if I'm drawing it, so now I'm eating a lot. But I lost 7 kg so maybe my diet was a success... I didn't like the fact that I couldn't eat any carbs... that was a killer.






Daichi-kun, where are you?
Phew
That surprised me.
Shoot, it's sensei!
DASH
Oh.
...what are you doing, you monkey!!
Where'd you come from?
I'm very sorry!
EEK
Who was that monkey?
PEEK
Your name is Daichi-kun, huh?
Are you ditching?
Agh!


Why...
...are you following me, you monkey?
I'm not a monkey. I'm Najika. Najika Kazami.
I came to Tokyo today.
And you should change out of that ridiculous outfit.
Then shouldn't you be returning to the dorms?
A new student?
HEH HEH
エヘ
.....
Completely Lost
かんぜん迷子
Um...which way is the dorm entrance?


WOOSH
I can smell flan...
SNIFF SNIFF
He's actually quite nice...
Isn't this the school?
It's faster this way.
I can't smell anything
Huh?
Daichi-kun.
There you are.
You ditched cooking class again.
We made flan today.
I knew it
But...
No one wants to eat mine.


A... flan...?
Huh?
But...
I don't like sweets.
And I won't eat someone's failure.
TEAR
No thanks.
Oh... But she did her best, so...
.....


How ungentlemanly of you to make a girl cry.
You should eat it, Daichi.


Wow.
He's so cute...
Leave me alone. Outsiders should stay out of this.
sst
But I'm your brother.
Brothers?


I heard you're living in the dorms now.
Dad was worried about you.
Here...
SLAP
Don't treat me like a kid!!


What are you doing!?
CLANK
Uh...
Oh.
It's okay.
It was messed up already.
It's only a flan.
It's not like I'm going to die if I don't eat it.
SNAP


I'll remake it.
Didn't you learn in kinder-garten?
You can't waste food like this.
Let me help you.
Huh?
TURN
So you have to eat it!!

Food

Since I'm doing a manga on food, I'll try to talk about my likes and dislikes. Not that anyone cares. ♪

- Green Tea

I choose this flavor for everything—drinks, ice cream, cake, flan, you name it! I love it!! When a friend told me that I could make pancakes using the rice cooker, I made them green tea-flavored. ♪

- Hacchou Miso

Since I'm from Nagoya, I love this taste. It's so sweet! I usually don't like pork cutlets, but if they're topped with hacchou miso, they become my favorite food. ♥

For miso soup, I prefer red miso, too

- Seasoning

I usually don't use seasoning other than miso. I don't pour soy sauce on my fish, and I don't dip tempura in the tempura sauce.




It's Sora-senpai!
Why is he here!?
Can we borrow the room for a moment?
Anything for you, Mr. Student Body President!!
Oh, he's the president
He's popular.
Are you okay?
CRASH
Oh!
I'm very clumsy.
No one ever wants to eat my food.
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
I can't make a hard snack like flan...


Everybody has trouble with crumbling flan.
Why?
Flan's not hard to make.
But if you take your time and do it, it's really easy.


Flan gets harder with more egg...
...and softer with more milk.
I think it didn't harden because there was too much sugar.
When there's too much sugar, the flan loses the ability to harden.
Really?
I didn't know that.
15% sugar
20% egg
65% milk
This is the perfect combination!


A teacup?
And we'll use this for the flan cup.
It's better to use something that doesn't conduct heat.
Yup
Wow
First you put it on high heat.
And then you make a wish.
After two to three minutes, lower the heat.
It looks cute, too. ♥


Please come out good.
Because I want to see the smile of the person who eats it.
ドキ
TH-THUMP
ドキ
TH-THUMP
ドキ
TH-THUMP


Wow.


It's a miracle.
I really made it!
.....
GRAB
MUNCH


I never knew it could feel so good...
...to have someone eat what you made.
It's going to become a habit.
Hey, this isn't bad.
Who are you? I haven't seen you before.
Thank you so much.
Um...
It's not just any old flan, right?


I'm Najika.
I'm joining the first-year A class.
Nice to meet you.
Buzz
Buzz
Buzz
Buzz
That's the special class!
Class A!?
?


Oh, so you're the one.
The new student with the recommendation from the director.
You have a cute smile.
Huh?


Welcome to Seika Academy.
AAAAGGHHH!
SMACK
Dear Hagio-sensei,
my roller-coaster school life has begun.


Menu
Recipe 2
Najika and
Taramasalata




Soft, straight hair, a charming face, and gentle eyes.
You have a cute smile.
He is just like the prince I've dreamed of. ♥
—san.
Kazami-san.


Introduce yourself.
Huh?
Dear Hagio-sensei
I'm from Hokkaido. My name is Najika Kazami
Oh.




I became quite famous on my first day of school.
She's the one Sora-senpai kissed!?
Seriously? I'm so jealous.
What's her connection to Sora-san?
You can sit next to Daichi Kitazawa.
Huh?
What?


You were in my class.
Hello
But don't worry about me.
I made friends like this...
GIGGLE GIGGLE
Your zipper's down, monkey.
WHACK
Don't say that so loudly!
Hey.
What's your special talent?


Huh?
Since you're in this special class, there must be something special about you.
Class 1-P
That's the special class!
Everyone was surprised yesterday too.
BUZZ BUZZ
I won the Ministry of Education Award for my oil painting.
I won the Japan Violin Competition in the Junior Division.
I'm good at Go.
I'm good at ballet.
But the most famous girl here is Akane.
You know her, right? Akane Kishida.
TMP

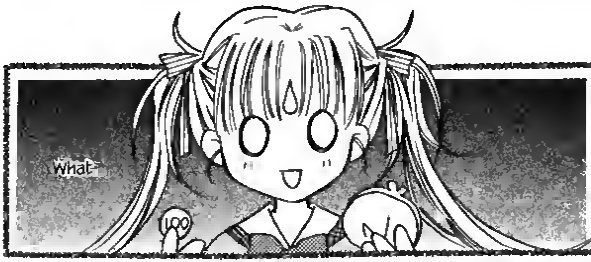

Nice to meet you.
Whoa...
Wow!
You're so thin! Your face is so small! You're so fair-skinned!
You're like a model!!


What are you saying? She is a model.
Haven't you seen the magazine Strawberry!?
Strawberry
Become a teen model
12 Hours With Ricano Kishida
You guys
She's super famous. All the girls want to be like her.
Wow, you guys are all amazing.
I didn't know...
So what about you? You have a talent, right?
Like maybe you won something?
I won the ramen-eating contest in Hokkaido...
I also won the all-you-can-eat meat contest.
And the ice cream contest and milk-drinking contest...
HMMMMM


You're just a big eater.
Ha
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
That's great.
And what are you good at?
Who knows?
Daichi is good at basketball.
You've won at the nationals before, right?


I told you I'm not a monkey!
What's with her?
I thought she'd be all that, with a recommendation from the director.
But she's just a pig.
Our class is supposed to be for gifted people...
I quit basketball. Let's not talk about that.
Besides, shouldn't you be a special student for climbing trees?
You're a monkey, after all.
KYE


Right, Akane?
She's putting a stain on our school.
ザワ BUZZ
ザワ BUZZ
ザワ BUZZ
ザワ BUZZ



100 yen = approx. $1

Menu

Curry Rice	800 yen	Gratin	1000 yen
Katsu Curry	1000 yen	Hamburger Meal	1050 yen
Shrimp Curry	1000 yen	Club Sandwich	800 yen
Spaghetti with Meatballs	950 yen	Seafood Risotto	950 yen
Neapolitan	950 yen	Risotto	900 yen
Japanese Spaghetti	950 yen	Chicken Steak Meal	1200 yen
Vegetable Soup	1000 yen	Cream of Corn Soup	600 yen
Omelet over Rice	900 yen	Caesar Salad	550 yen
Spanish Omelet	1000 yen	Potato Salad	

What's with the high prices!?






SHAKE
SHAKE
My prince...
No, no
I'm definitely going to find you.
But how, in this huge school?
Oh?
Kazami-san, are you alone?


Hey, Akane...
It's sad...
...for her to be alone on her first day.
She's so nice!
Unlike someone else!!
Lunch? Forget it.
Did you want to join us?
ぽあぁぁ
SHINE
Is that your lunch?
Uh... yeah...
The café here is trendy but it's not that good.
That's why I always bring my lunch.
Wow...


Yeah.
Oh.
Can you get the water?
That's an amazing lunch!!
You have tarama-salata!
My uncle is a chef at a restau-rant.
So he makes me lunch sometimes.
KERCLUNK
Oh!
GRAB



● Crab

...I can't eat it. I hear it was one of my favorite foods when I was younger, but I guess I had a bad one once (I don't remember) and ever since, I can't eat it... I hear it's so good. Dang it!!

● Vinegar

I can't eat it... So I can't eat any vinegar-based salad, or any Chinese food with gravy over it (sweet and sour pork, shrimp chili sauce). But vinegar is good for your body! I hope I find a way to be able to eat vinegar...

● Ramen

I actually prefer udon to ramen, but it's different if the ramen is in a pork-based soup!! I love it so much, I drink up the soup. ♪

● Snacks

I love little candies. I can eat them all day if there's enough


Are you okay!?
Geez.
I bet you did that on purpose because you're jealous of her lunch.
What?
What's wrong?


Sora-senpai...
ITH-THUMP
Oh, Sora-senpai!!
Kazami-san dropped Kishida-san's lunch.
On pur-pose.
No, it was an accident.
It's my fault....
I put it there.
TEAR


Hey.
You big jerk.
Don't make Akane-chan cry.
.....
And Sora-senpai.
She has no special abilities and she's in class A.
I think she cheated to get in.


Go home...
...to Hokkaido...
For a normal girl to come into our class...
You have some nerve.
Just go back to Hokkaido where you belong.
GRIP


But I don't drop food on purpose.
And I didn't cheat.
Sure, I'm just a normal girl.
I studied really hard to get in.
To meet
him again...
You girls...
...you're so judgmental and critical of other people.
Maybe you should go home so your mommies can teach you some manners.


Bleh!
Wha
What did you say?
Hey, monkey
Here.
THROW


THUMP
if you didn't do it on purpose, then just remake it.
You can cook, right?


Cantina!?
I've been there before!!
No...
There's no way she can remake it.
And that settle th matter
My uncle is the chef at Cantina.
A three-star restaurant.
I'm sorry, please let me use the kitchen.
TIGHTEN
キュッ


A pink potato in the middle of...
...colorful vegetables.
I'll never forget that taste...
...I went there with Mom and Dad...
...
It was like...


...a princess.
And to finish off, the tiara!
Tiara?
The potato turned pink...


Cantina's tarama-salata...
...used crystal sea salt from England.
It's the best salt to use with vegetables.
REACH
This one?
You can remember all that?
I never forget a taste once I've had it.


Put on the tiara...
...and the princess is ready!


.....
ぱく
MUNCH
ぱっ
GASP
It tastes just like Akane's...
No way.


She's amazing.
Good.
Aniki.
What are you planning?
.....


Wow.
This is really good.
Really? I want some.
Me, too.
Me, too!
Who knows?
...I know.
Everyone comes to the cafeteria.


Maybe he'll come, too.
My Flan Prince...
.....



Kitchen Princess

Recipe 3

Najika and Rainbow Jelly


When you eat something good, you smile.
My prince who saved me.
I'll find him here.
In the school cafeteria.




Have a bite ♥
Najika's ch-stnut pie
No thanks.
What?
Achoo!
I'm sick and don't feel like eating.
I'm going back to my room.
Hey... Daichi!
Geez.
WHISPER
WHISPER


It's been a week.
Dear Hagio-sensei.
But I still feel like an outsider in my class.
Big faker...
Still, I won't give up!
.....
What?
So she is after Daichi.
That new student is a big faker.
Trying to woo him with food.
Until I find my Flan Prince.
Huh?
You want to help?


No way.
Please, sir!
I'll do anything!
I can cook.
Try my pie!
It's really good!
That looks good.
I tol you no.
We're going to have students here soo
Get out of the way!
ぽい
THROW
Wow ♥
What I go to d


I was watching you just now.
You want to work at the cafeteria?
He totally ejected me, though.
Kishida-san.
There's another cafeteria called Fujita Diner on the west side.
Maybe you can help there.
Fujita Diner?
Here.
Really!?
Hold on. Let me draw you a map.
TEAR TEAR
ishida-san, ou're so nice.


Idiot.
Call me Akane.
Friends should help each other.
I'll call you Najika, okay?
TOUCHED
Thank Akane
.....
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
Past these bushes...
RUSTLE
PANT
PANT


WORN OUT
Fujita Diner
OPEN
Welcome
This?
CLICK
Hello?
This is Fujita Diner?


Whoa, the inside is worn out, too...
KLUNK!
EEK!
Huh?
Who's there?
A customer?
YAWN
SHUFFLING BACK
I can't work here...
Um, no, I, um...
STOP
But... but...
There's no other cafeteria...


If I can get the students to come here...
Please let me help!!
YAWN...
Help?
You can't without the director's approval.
I'll get approval later.
I'll do anything! Please!
.....
Really?
GRIN
Then let's see what you can do.
Hmm. Okay.


What?
First, let's have you wash dishes.
CLUTTER
Maybe I didn't think this through.
How did you get so many dishes piled up?
I wonder. ♪
He's just using me.
A customer is coming.
So hurry.
Huh?
You get students here, too?
Yeah.
Every day at six.
CLANG
CLANG


Sora...
...senpai...
Here.
What!?
Only coffee!?
There's no menu?
Ah
It's fine. He doesn't order any food.
?
Here you go.


Najika-chan!?
Why are you here?
I'm going to be helping out here.
Although it's still a trial period
Helping...
Um...
I don't have any skills other than cooking.
And I'm not fitting in with my class.
So I wanted to be useful to the school.
That's why
I'll keep the truth a secret.
I see...


Sora-senpai, did you want something in particular?
It's dinnertime
I'll make you anything.
No thank you.
I have this.
Calcium
Iron
Supplements?
Is that...
...all you take every day?
Yeah. I have a meeting after this.
I don't have time.


I come here out of habit.
But you're here at the cafeteria.
There used to be a lot of students here.
The jelly dessert was great.
I used to come with Daichi when we were kids.
With Daichi
That would never happen now.
Now...
...the chef's changed and there's nothing I want to eat.
Besides...


Eating...
...is a hassle.
But...
MUNCH
You said you don't belong in the special class, but...
You're amazing.
...you can cook so well.
You need to be more confident.


That's right...
Daichi said he wasn't feeling too good.
KNOCK
KNOCK
It's open.
CLICK
Sora-senpai...
.....
Hey
Wake up!
You need to make a delivery.
Fujita
Delivery?
You do that, too?
Daichi Kitazawa.
Dorm room 305.


!!!
WRDDR
WRDDR
I just started helping out at Fujita Diner.
Where's that maid!?
Wha...
What are you doing here?


Here's your okayu.
ホカホカ
STEAMING HOT
How's your cold?
Good.
I sweated a little and got better.
...Sora-sempai come keep you company?
BLEH
But aren't you lonely when you're sick?
Why don't you have...
WHAT?
Yeah right!
I'd rather die than have him over!


Why?
You guys are brothers.
It doesn't matter.
He's a traitor.
You wouldn't understand.
Why?
They're brothers... they're family.


Daichi!
Come to Fujita Diner at six tomorrow!
I'll treat you to something that's good for your cold.
Hey...
POINT
Okay? Promise!
.....
Yes...
There's magic in making food taste good.
Magic?


It's very simple...
But sometimes it's very difficult.
The key is...
Fujita Diner


Why...
Why are you?
Why are you here?
Wha...
.....
TURN
You're running away because I'm here?
You're such a kid.
CLICK


I was waiting for you guys!!
You both came.
Here, come in.
Hey...


Welcome
Please come this way.


This is the same diner?
Atmosphere is key...
...to any dining experience.
So I rearranged this place to look like my home in Hokkaido.
What's this?
A special dessert to celebrate the refurbished diner ♥
You can take the ribbon off.
SWOOSH
I don't know what happened between them...
...but I hope that today...


...A rainbow will connect...
...the earth and sky.


Rainbow Jelly.
Please eat ♥
It has a lot of fruit, so there are a lot of vitamins in it.
You can eat it when you're sick or if you don't have time. ♪


It's good.
はっ
GASP


I thought you didn't like sweet things.
You, too.
When we were young...
...you used to always take my dessert.
Why are you bringing that up now?
Did you want this, too?
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
No!!
There's magic in making food taste good.
The key is...


...to eat with someone important.
Dear Hagio-sensei
it seems...
...that I've found my place in the academy.



Recipe 4

Nayika and Christmas Cookies

every time winter comes...

...I remember...

...that first Christmas alone without my parents...




You look so cute!
WOW!
Dear Hagio-sensei
Christmas Day at Seika Academy
The A Class has a presentation.


There are aspiring stylists and make-up artists working hard.
The main event is Akane's fashion show.
And my job...
Kazami-san, bring the thread and needle.
OKAY
Bring me paint!
...is doing all the grunt work...
PANT
PANT
PANT
Hey, what's this?
Stay still, Daichi.

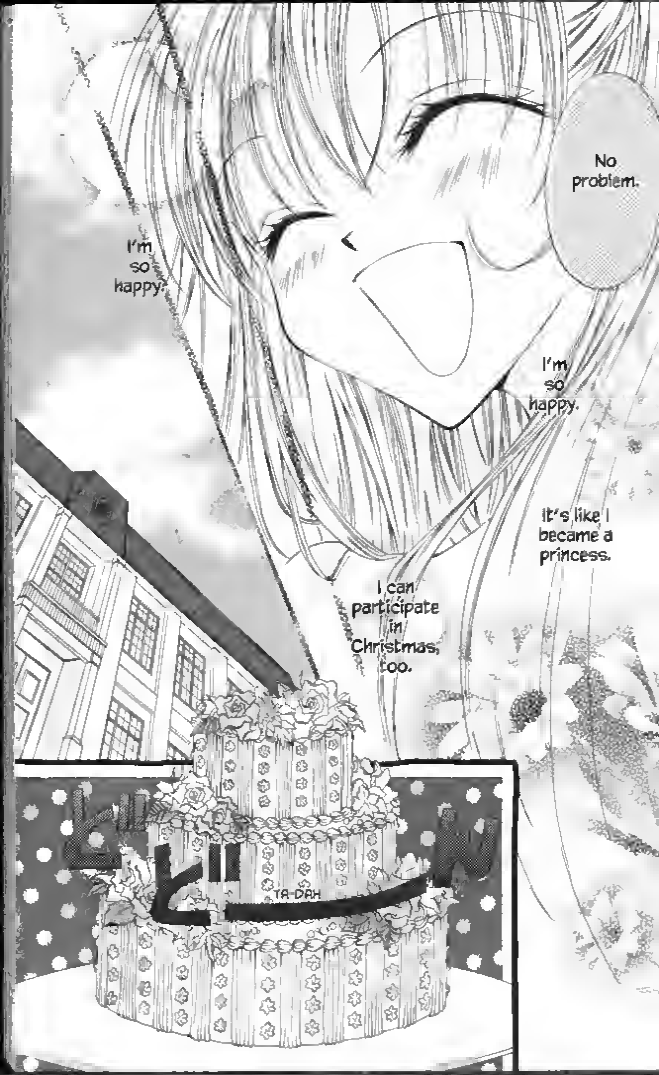

You look good, Daichi.
Sora-senpai
HURK!
Sora is too busy. He has to close out the presentation.
You should ask *him* to do these kinds of things!
That show-off!
The theme of the fashion show is "winter princess."
We need a prince.
Oh.
Daichi's in the show, too.
It's so dreamy. I look forward to it every year.
You're going to do it this year, too?
Your piano performance.


Wow, that's so him!
I hope you'll come hear it.
Of course!
Sora-senpai, you're going to play the piano!?
Eat all the Christmas cake?
Or eat chicken?
Hey, Kazami san.
Huh?
What are you planning to do?
Please, don't.
Our class will look bad


Although it's Christmas...
I am...
...left out of it.
That's right.
Performing and showcasing.
Everyone's working to do something this Christmas.
Najika.
TAP


Hey.
If you're not doing anything, do you want to be in my show?
In the fashion show!?
Akane.
I want to present a Christmas cake at the end.
I'll lend you a dress, too.
Please?
But I have no one to carry it to the stage.


Wow.
This dress looks more expensive than a steak!
Are you sure I can wear it?
SHINE
SHINE
SHINE
I think everyone in the class will like it, too.
And can I ask you to make the cake, too?
A really fancy one.


No problem.
I'm so happy.
I'm so happy.
It's like I became a princess.
I can participate in Christmas, too.
TA-DAH


How are you supposed to eat that?
Hey.
No, this is a cake for the show.
I'm going to participate in the show, too.
I'll see you on stage, prince. ♥
I'm practicing
SHIVER
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
I made it fancy.
To match the special class.
I just need to put ribbons on and I'm done
I don't think you fit these kinds of things.
URGH
SHIVER



● All You Can Eat Buffet

I'm actually not good with this. I'm lazy, so I don't like to get up and go get the food. So what ends up happening is that I just sit around... I guess I'm a good customer for the restaurant!?

● A Popular Store with a Line Outside

The longest I waited to eat something was two and a half hours... It was at DisneySea, the curry buffet. When you get closer to the entrance, you can smell the curry and thirty minutes feels like an hour, and your empty stomach makes you only think of curry. It was torture. I was supposed to receive a pin, but by the time I got to my seat, I was so involved in eating that I lost the voucher.


Yeah, I did...
...but she said that she could make cake much better than Cantina.
So...
What? Who does she think she is?
But... Kazami-san is good at cooking.
You're too nice, Akane.
I bet she's trying to steal the spotlight.
I can't believe it!


...she wanted something in return, so...
And...
Which one?
Hmm.
...she took that dress from me...
I'll choose this one.
DASH
DASH
My cake?


We can't use a puny cake like hers.
Look at this.
Cantina's cake is so much better.
What about my cake?
Wait, what happened?


No!
SWOOSH
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
Don't kid yourself.
You think you're part of this class by making a cake?
What?
This dress doesn't look good on you, either!
TUG


What should I do?
No.
!
DASH
Naji–


SWOOSH
Are you okay?
Senpai...
I can't...
Fujita Diner


I can't fit in with that class...
No matter what...
Are you okay?
Yeah, I'm such a klutz. I dropped the cake.
はは
HA HA
HA HA
It's like the Christ-mas I lost Mom and Dad...
...I'm...
...alone...


Najika-chan?
I...
...want to go back.
The sky is so different from Hokkaido
I'm too lonely
Why am I in the special class?
I can't do it any-more...
I can't...
...be one of the special people...


Hokkaido.
I went there when I was young.
CREAK
SNIFF
It's a nice place. The stars are pretty...
You know, small stars, large stars...
...they shine equally bright in the night sky.


You have...
...your own way of shining.
And...
They shine equally
I don't think...
...you need to be the same as them.


Tomorrow is everybody's Christmas.
Right?
TH-THUMP


That's right...
Fujita Diner
Hey!


I'm leaving.
How long are you staying?
OO-HOO!
Entry number eight.
The Winter Princess Fashion Show!


Daichi.
Thank you for doing this for me.
Good job, Akane
You were great


Hey, Daichi.
Do you want to see the Christmas tree lights?
It's always the same every year.
Nah.
It's because I owe you.
I guess...
...she didn't come.
Hey, look.
Wow.
The tree.
What?

SHINE


Merry Christmas!!
Why me?


Daichi-
What is this?
Hey.
I remembered my way to shine.
?
Oh, look! The ornaments.
They're cookies!


...Class A, Class B...
Elementary school students, high school students...
It's a present to everyone!
YAY!
わっ
Here. Merry Christmas.
I can have one!?
What I wish for when I cook...
I forgot what's important.
is to see the person eating it smile...


You don't want one?
Uh.. no.. it's okay.
That is my way to shine.
Large stars.
And small stars.


Everyone...
Merry Christmas!


Everyone, thank you for waiting.
Please enjoy the last performance of the show, the piano concert by Sora Kitazawa.
Sora-senpai...
わっ
YAY
Monkey!
Everyone was happy.
Your idea was great.
Sora-senpai gave me the hint.
Aniki did?


If senpai is my prince
Sora-senpai's kiss
I can still remember


...then...
...I...
—Christmas presentation.
The winner is...


We did it.
Congrats, Akane.
PHEW
Thanks.
And this year, we have a special award from the director.
Najika Kazami's Ornament Cookies.
...the Winter Princess Fashion Show.


What...?
I'm sorry, but the director decided this...
Wait, why Kazami-san!?
Hers wasn't even part of the presentation.
The director...
...the person who let me in this academy...
Yeah, I decided it.
I don't get it...
Why...


Sora...
...senpai?


KITCHEN PRINCESS
Recipe 5
Nanik and Onion
Gratin Soup


The director...
BUZZ
BUZZ
Sora-senpai...
...you're the director?


Are you surprised?
Because you made Christmas special...
...I wanted you to have an award.
And since I was filling in for the director.
Filling in...
...for the director?
Oh, Najika, you didn't know...
About Sora and Daichi?


Right?
They're both the director's sons.
#11
7
BUZZ
Akane!
You... promised to keep quiet.
I want to brag about it. You guys are my childhood friends.
Why did I have to dress up as the prince?
Oh...
Wow.
Sons?
I know so little...


You are the winner.
Akane, there's your cue.
The winner receives...
...a trophy and the silver spoon.
Silver spoon?
It's the director's belief that what you eat is what shapes you.
That is why all the winners receive a silver spoon.
About the academy...
I just wanted to see my prince again...
Everyone, please settle down/ if I may continue...


Your winter break starts tomorrow!
Everyone please have a safe vacation.
わっ
YAY!
Maybe...
...maybe that spoon
Akane!
Can you show me the spoon?
Ow, Najika!?
GRAB


I knew it!
It's the same spoon as my prince's!!
This spoon!
Do you know who else has this!?
There are many special people in this academy.
There's no way to know how many spoons there are.
That...
...many?


Hey, how long are you going to hold on to that?
Oh!
Give it back to Akane!
KLUNK
Why do you have this spoon?
Give it back!
Why would you have one?
Where did you steal it from?
I didn't...


Look, Akane.
No, it's a misunderstanding.
Akane will believe me.
She'll
STOMP


Najika...
You're the worst.
Do you want to know something?
I...
...hated you from the beginning.


You hate her, too?



...I don't think I'll ever come back here...

If I go home now...




I want to go see them...
BAM
バターン
SLAM


Daichi?
URGH


What are you doing here?
Me? What about you?
Aren't you going home?
But the cafeteria's going to close.
And the power's going to be shut off, right?
I know.
But there's no point in going home.
Of course not.
Phew
They keep calling me at the dorms.
So I'm here instead.


Is something wrong?
Huh?
I see...
Everyone has their own problems...
It's weird...
...to see you down like this.
You're always so rowdy
That's right
I always said what I felt to Daichi...


Shoot, I'm hungry.
I need to find something to eat.
GROWL
Ack!
I have an idea, Daichi.
You don't want to go back to the dorms, right?
I'm sure there's something here.
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Hard French bread.
An old onion.
Some cheese...
There's nothing good...
SILENCE
U——N
Fre—
French!?
This will work!
I can go French.
♪
Okay.
Just go wait at the table.
Hey, don't...


I'll cast a spell.
First, I cut the onion.
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
Then I sauté it with butter
Put in consommé and simmer.
Add the French bread and cheese.
Then toast in the oven.
I can forget all the bad things when I'm cooking.
This was the only place...
...where I belonged


Thank you.
I'll see you, Mr. President.
I'll see you next semester.
That smell...
Fujita Diner
カリ
チャ
CLICK


Hey, Daichi. You're going to catch a cold.
Mm.
Aniki?
Shoot.
I fell asleep.
You're so cute when you're asleep.
What!?
It's so cold.
Najika-chan's here, right?
I can smell her cooking from outside.
This guy...


She should be in the kitchen...


It's onion soup.
Mmm, it's good!
She made all this with so little?
Wow.
Gratin?
SOAK
CRUNCH
No...
It warms me up.


To think about the person eating.
It's her way of cooking.
She toasted the cheese.
That way the soup stays warm.
It's a present to everyone.
There are a lot of vitamins in it.
You can eat it when you're sick.
Yeah.
And, where did the chef go?


RUSTLE
Hey, Daichi...!
Thank you.
Good-bye.
--Najika
When I came here...
...I was so excited.


...new memories...
A new place
New people
And I wanted to make...


But...
I...
...I don't want to make any more sad memories.
SLAM
CREAK
Najika!




Sora-senpai...
Daichi.
Are you not coming back?
Why? Don't run away.
But...
...I don't know.
...where I belong...


I got in as a mistake.
I have no special skills.
RIP
Thank you
Good-bye
Najika
RIP
Then...
...that's even more reason not to run away.
Most chefs can only dream of having a tongue like yours.
You really don't realize your talent?


...an absolute sense of taste.
You have...
To be continued in Volume 2

HUNGRY HEART

Najika is a great cook and she likes to make meals for the people she loves. But something is missing from her life. When she was a child, she met a boy who touched her heart—and now she's determined to find him. The only clue Najika has is a silver spoon that leads her to the prestigious Seika Academy.

Attending Seika will be a challenge. Every kid at the school has a special talent, and the girls in Najika's class think she doesn't deserve to be there. But Sora and Daichi, two popular brothers who barely speak to each other, recognize Najika's cooking for what it is—magical. Is either boy Najika's mysterious prince?

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Kitchen Palace



Did you enjoy Kitchen Princess? In this section, we'll give you the recipes for the food that Najika makes in the story. Please try making them. ♥

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Flan in a Cup



Tip from Najika.

Najika's special flan is made by pouring it in a teacup. Metal flan cups conduct heat and are hard to manage. Making the flan in plastic is easier and it will come out prettier!

Flan: Makes 4 cups of flan. 1¾ cups milk, 5 tablespoons sugar, 3 eggs, a little bit of vanilla. Caramel Sauce: 3 tablespoons sugar, 1 tablespoon water



1. Put milk on low heat and add sugar. Stir well and when the sugar melts, stop the heat and cool for a minute. Make sure you don't let the milk boil.



2. Break the eggs in a bowl and stir well.



3. Slowly pour the milk from step 1 into the bowl from step 2 and stir. Add some vanilla.



4. Pour the mix from step 3 through a strainer. This makes the flan smoother.



5. Make the caramel sauce in a small pot. Put the water and sugar in the pot and stir quickly over high heat. When it becomes brown, remove from heat and put it into four cups.



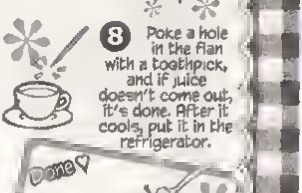
6. Pour the mix from step 4 into the cups over the caramel sauce.



7. Fill a pot with water and put a steamer above it. When the water starts steaming, stop the heat and put the cups in the steamer. Please be careful not to burn yourself! After 2 to 3 minutes on high heat, lower the heat and steam for another 13 to 15 minutes. When you put it on low heat, move the lid a little so some of the steam will escape. The point is to maintain it on low heat. If you put a towel under the lid, water won't get into the flan.



8. Poke a hole in the flan with a toothpick, and if juice doesn't come out, it's done. After it cools, put it in the refrigerator.



Top it with whipped cream or fruit and it'll be GOOD!!

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Taramasalata

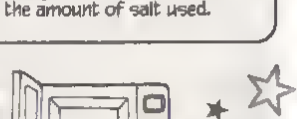


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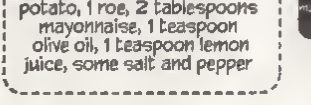
This time we're making one of Greece's finest dishes, the taramasalata. It's good on sliced French bread or crackers. Depending on the saltiness of the roe, you can adjust the amount of salt used.

Tarama salata Serves two people. 1 medium-sized potato, 1 roe, 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, 1 teaspoon olive oil, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, some salt and pepper

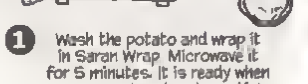
How to make



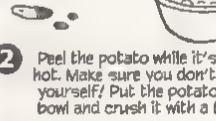
1. Wash the potato and wrap it in Saran Wrap. Microwave it for 5 minutes. It is ready when you can poke a bamboo stick through it.



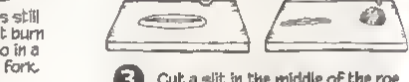
2. Peel the potato while it's still hot. Make sure you don't burn yourself! Put the potato in a bowl and crush it with a fork.



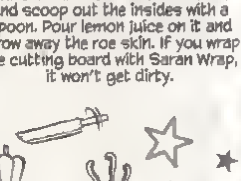
3. Cut a slit in the middle of the roe and scoop out the insides with a spoon. Pour lemon juice on it and throw away the roe skin. If you wrap the cutting board with Saran Wrap, it won't get dirty.



4. Add the roe to the bowl from step 2, along with the mayonnaise, olive oil, and pepper. Stir. Salt to taste, and then you're done!



5. You can cut cucumbers or red peppers and lay them on a plate and put the taramasalata in the middle. Add basil or mint to make it pretty.



Taramasalata goes well with various vegetables. You can choose your favorite to eat with it!

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Rainbow Jelly



Tip from Najika.

This is jelly that you can enjoy in various flavors and colors. You can choose your favorite juices to use. It'll be delicious if you top it with fruit, too. ♥

Rainbow Jelly Makes eight glasses. 1 cup each of five different juices (grape, orange, melon, grapefruit, etc). *Try to choose different-colored juices. 5 bags gelatin, 2 teaspoons granulated sugar for each juice. *Adjust the sugar according to the sweetness of the juice

How to make



1 In a small pot, add 1 cup juice over low heat. When it warms up, add the granulated sugar and stir. When the sugar melts, stop the heat. Make sure you don't let the mix boil.



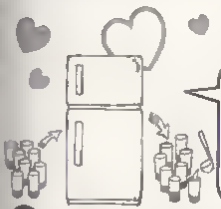
2 Put gelatin in the pot and stir until it is completely melted.



3 When you stir it, white foam will form, so remove it with a ladle. The jelly becomes smoother with this step.



4 Put the pot from step 3 in a bowl filled with ice to cool. When the mix is cool, pour it into eight glasses.



5 Put the glasses in the refrigerator and leave them in for about an hour. When the jelly hardens, you repeat the steps and add the different juices one at a time in the glass.

If you repeat the steps, you'll get a colorful jelly in your glass. If you want to make less, you can make each jelly with half the ingredients.

A rainbow is seven colors, but we made it with five colors this time for simplicity. If you get better at it, please try seven jelly colors!



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Christmas Cookies



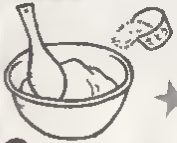
Tip from Najika.

Try making cookies! You can make them into ornaments like I did. If you put frosting on the cookies, they become colorful and pretty!

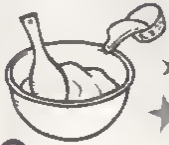
Christmas Cookies

Makes about 20 cookies.
½ cup soft flour,
½ cup sugar, 1 small egg,
7 tablespoons butter

How to make



1. Soften the butter at room temperature and crush it in a bowl with a wooden spoon. Add sugar and stir more.



2. Add the egg and mix.



3. Sieve the flour into the mix and stir. It is ready when the white flour chunks are gone.



4. Wrap the mix in saran wrap and put it in the refrigerator for over 30 minutes.



5. Pour some flour on the board and put the mix from step 4 onto it and flatten it with a rolling pin.

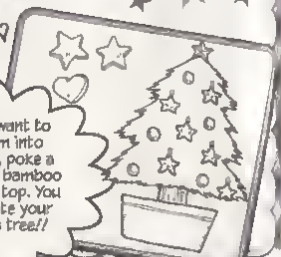


6. Cut out pieces using cookie cutters.



7. Lay out the pieces on a cookie sheet covered with wax paper and bake in the oven at 180 degrees Celsius (approx. 350 F) for 12 to 13 minutes. After it is baked, let cool.

Done♥



When you want to make them into ornaments, poke a hole using a bamboo stick at the top. You can decorate your Christmas tree!!

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Onion Gratin Soup



Tip from Najika

You can make it Japanese style by using mochi instead of French bread. You can eat it New Year's Day.

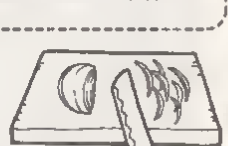
Onion Gratin Soup

Serves two people. 1 large onion, 1 ½ tablespoons butter, 1¾ cups consommé soup (uses 1 block of consommé), ½ cup shredded cheese, 2 teaspoons grated cheese, 2 slices French bread, some salt and pepper

How to make

1 Boil 1¾ cups water and add 1 block consommé. Set the soup aside.





2 Peel the onion and slice into thin strips.



3 Heat the butter on medium in a frying pan. Be careful not to burn the butter. Put the onion in the butter and sauté until the onion turns a dark yellow color. Stir well with a wooden spoon so it won't burn. Sautéing it well here makes the sweetness come out of the onion!

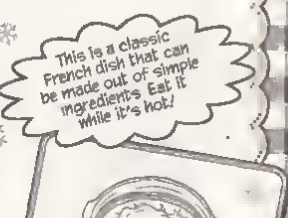


4 Add the consommé soup to the frying pan and stir. Add salt and pepper to taste.

This is a classic French dish that can be made out of simple ingredients. Eat it while it's hot!

5 Put the soup into a heat-resistant bowl or cup. Put the French bread and shredded cheese on top, and shake some grated cheese on top of that. Put it in an oven toaster and toast for about 4 to 5 minutes. When it turns golden brown, it's done!





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